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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This is a response to the Office Action mailed August 1, 2002.

In the Claims

Please cancel claim 2.

Please amend the claims as follows.

FE¹ 1. (Thrice Amended) A medical balloon insertable in the body, said medical device having a substantially uniform noncontinuous protective surface coating.

FE² 27. (Twice Amended) A dilatation balloon formed from a thermoplastic polymer, said balloon having a protective coating applied to said dilatation balloon in a substantially uniform discontinuous pattern.

RemarksRejections35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-8 and 23-29 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Porter, et al. in view of Muni and (Sahatjian or Wang, et al.). The Office Action asserts that the referenced patent discloses an insertable medical device having a protective surface coating, the coating comprising a polymer selected from the group consisting

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A response to the Office Action mailed August 1, 2002.

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